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SUBJ: CHURCH LEADERS MEET WITH HIGH KCIA OFFICIALS

REF: A. SEOUL 8233, B. SEOUL 7876

1. REV KIM KWAN-SUK, SECGEN KNCC, TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE AND HEADS OF DENOMINATIONS RELATED TO KNCC HAD MEETING SEPTEMBER 30 WITH LEE KUN-YUNG, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF KCIA. THESE CLERGYMEN HAD REQUESTED AUDIENCE WITH KCIA DIRECTOR IN ORDER ASSURE THEMSELVES THEIR VIEWS AS EXPRESSED IN PAST WITH VARIOUS GOVT OFFICIALS WERE BEING TRANSMITTED TO KEY ROKG POLICY MAKERS. CHURCHMEN ACCEPTED SUBSTITUTION OF LEE FOR

DIRECTOR KCIA SINCE THEY CONSIDER HIM REASONABLY CLOSE TO REAL POWER CENTERS.

2. REV KIM SAID BOTH SIDES STATED POSITIONS AS THEY HAD MANY TIMES IN PAST. CHURCHMEN, HOWEVER, FOCUSED ON PRISONER RELEASE ISSUE, MENTIONING OTHER ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM ONLY IN PASSING. LEE GAVE NO INDICATION THAT ROKG WOULD DROP REQUIREMENT THAT PRISONERS SIGN STATEMENT AS PRIOR CONDITION TO THEIR RELEASE, BUT HE SAID HIS DOOR WAS OPEN TO CLERGYMEN FOR FUTURE COOPERATIVE
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EFFORTS TO SECURE PRISONER RELEASE AND REDUCE TENSIONS GENERALLY BETWEEN CHURCH AND ROKG. REV KIM SAID CHURCHMEN WERE SATISFIED THAT THEY HAD BEEN HEARD BUT SAW NO REASON TO PURSUE FURTHER MEETINGS AT THIS LEVEL UNLESS THEY OBSERVED SOME TANGIBLE SIGN OF FURTHER COMPROMISE BY ROKG IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

3. REV KIM NOTED THAT HE AND SOME HEADS OF DENOMINA-
TIONS ASSOCIATED WITH KNCC HAD PREPARED LETTERS TO
IMPRISONED DISSIDENTS DESIGNED
TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO
SIGN STATEMENTS AS REQUIRED FOR THEIR RELEASE FROM
PRIOSON. THESE LETTERS WERE ON FILE IN KNCC, BUT NO
(RPT NO) DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED AMONG CLERGYMEN
CONCERNED ABOUT WHEN THEY WOULD BE SENT TO PRIOSONERS.
APPARENTLY, DECISION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY CLERGYMEN'S
PERCEPTION THAT ROKG DOING ITS SHARE TO ENCOURAGE
ATMOSPHERE OF CONCILIATION.
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